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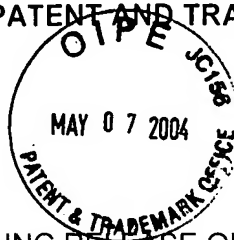
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: **Roman Barabolak**

Appln. No.: **10/619,849**

Filed: **July 14, 2003**

For: **METHOD OF CONTROLLING RELEASE OF
ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS IN CHEWING GUM
AND GUM PRODUCED THEREBY**



Examiner: **TBA**

Art Unit: **1761**

Attorney Docket No: **1391-1553**

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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet (in dup. 1 pg.); Information Disclosure Statement (in dup. 4 pgs. each), Supplementary European Search Report (2 pgs.); PTO 1449 Form (2 pgs.) and copy of four cited references.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

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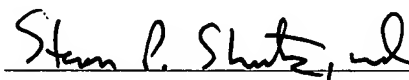
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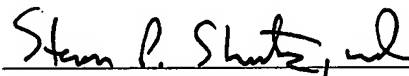
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